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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE INTEREST IN NEW IDF AGREEMENT

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ICELANDIC PERMREP TOMASSON MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT WHEREAS PORTUGUESE PERMREP DE FREITAS CRUZ INITIALLY EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST TO TOMASSON IN LEARNING DETAILS OF LATEST US/ICELANDIC DEFENSE NEGOTIATIONS, RECENTLY HE HAS PASSED UP SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO FOLLOW UP HIS REQUEST FOR DETAILS. TOMASSON THINKS LISBON HAS GOTTEN THE MESSAGE THAT THE KEFLAVIK ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT ANALOGOUS TO THE LAJES SITUATION.

2. MISSION WILL USE THE POINTS IN REF B TO HIGHLIGHT THE LACK OF PARALLEL BETWEEN THE IDF AND THE AZORES NEGOTIATIONS IF THE SUBJECT SHOULD AGAIN ARISE HERE AT PORTUGUESE INITIATIVE. RE PARA ONE REF A HOWEVER, WE WONDER NOW WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE BETTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO SHARE INFORMATION ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE IDF AGREEMENT.

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